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DURHAM, N.H. -- The Durham Police Department announced today that a task force will be formed to focus on the series of burglaries that have occurred in Durham since June 24. The task force will be comprised of representatives from the UNH Police Department, the Dover and Newmarket Police Departments, the New Hampshire State Police, the Strafford County Sheriff's Department, the New Hampshire Liquor Commission and the Strafford County Attorney's Office.

"I am very encouraged by this turn of events and the decision to bring in other law enforcement agencies for additional support," said UNH President Ann Weaver Hart. "I believe that the expertise brought to bear on the investigation by these additional agencies will help to bring a speedy close to these cases."

Hart reiterated that UNH administrators and police are in regular contact with the Durham police and "that we are doing everything we can to support their efforts, plus the new efforts of the task force."

Durham residents and UNH students are reminded to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity, lock doors and other entrances, be aware of surroundings and keep outside lights on all night.

Students seeking additional support services may call the UNH Counseling Center at 862-2090 or the Sexual Harassment and Rape Prevention Program (SHARPP) at 862-3494.

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